

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - ANNUAL REPORT.Year ended 31st December, 1944.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1944.

Vital Statistics: Area 2106 acres. Population 3,956.
Rateable Value, £41,707. Produce of 1d.
Rate £160. Separate Dwellings 1564.
Density 2.5 persons per house.

Live Births: Total 88: 39 male, 49 female. There were
10 illegitimate babies; six male and 4
female. 2 children were stillborn, 1
female and 1 male. Birthrate: 22.7 per
1,000.

Deaths: Total 68: 23 male, 45 female. There were
8 infants died under the age of 1 year, 2
male and 6 female. One of the female
children was illegitimate. Deathrate:
17.7 per 1,000.

The causes of death were:-

Cancer	6	Nephritis	2
Heart Disease	26	Premature births	3
Vascular Disease of the Brain	8	Congenital malformations	
Pneumonia	4	and birth injuries	3
Bronchitis	2	Suicide	1
T.B. Lung	1	Road traffic accident	1
T.B. of other sites	1	Other violent causes	2
Ulcer of the stomach	1	All other causes	7

Infectious Disease: The notifications of infectious disease
were very much less than in 1943; 134 in
1944 as against 215 in 1943. Of the
notifiable infectious diseases there was a
heavy incidence of whooping cough; and of
the non-notifiable diseases, chicken-pox
and German measles were widespread. The
following notifications were made:-

Whooping Cough	71 cases.	Broncho-pneumonia	9
Lobar Pneumonia	17	Erysipelas	3
Scarlet Fever	16	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Measles	15	Non-pulmonary "	2

(One of the latter cases was initially notified as Acute
Anterior Poliomyelitis). There were no cases of Diphtheria.

Diphtheria Immunisation: It is estimated that by the end of
1944 97% of the children under 5, and 90% of those between
5 and 15 years have been immunised.

Tuberculosis: The following are the number of cases on my
Register on 31st December, 1944:-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
Males	7	2
Females	9	7
	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

This shows a slight increase in the number of
cases of Tuberculosis of the lungs and a slight
diminution in cases of Tuberculosis of other
organs.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,
Your obedient Servant,
G. A. DIBB.

1st August, 1945.

